

MEMORANDUM

January 7, 2002

TO: Lee Ann
Phillip

FROM: John

RE: State of the State

I started writing this weekend on the speech, just a broad outline form based on the theme we discussed Friday. When the two of you have time, I'd like to sit down with you to get your input.

The Governor has said he wants people to recognize in the gallery. We can talk with Kelly for a teacher (or student), Wanda for someone in health care, Steve for someone in economic development. Based on the theme, we need military people there. I'd like to get some individuals from the last major conflicts – Gulf War, Vietnam, Korea and WWII.

I just finished reading Stephen Ambrose's "Band of Brothers." One of the individuals in the book is a man named Walter Gordon; he parachuted into France on D-Day, fought through Holland and the Battle of the Bulge, and on into Germany. He was severely wounded in the war. Today, he's a successful businessman with a home in Pass Christian. I think he'd be a great one to try and get into the gallery.

Anyway, let me know when we might be able to discuss. In the meantime, I'm going to continue working on the broader areas of the speech.

Thanks.